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**STONEWALL DALLAS DEMANDS RESTORATION OF  
LGBTQ+ YOUTH RESOURCES TO DFPS WEBSITE**



**DALLAS, TX (Oct 14, 2021)** — This week the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services removed vital informational resources for the LGBTQ+ community after yielding to petty Republican gubernatorial primary politics.

“Let’s be clear, Don Huffines is a hateful, out of touch, extreme political bully. Greg Abbott is conforming to that approach for political expediency, which says a lot about his political weakness right now,” said Todd Hill-Jones, President of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas.

“Stripping resources and vital mental health information away from vulnerable LGBTQ+ Texans puts these youth at great risk for severe depression, homelessness, or even suicide. This is the 21st and not the 19th century. LGBTQ+ people and families are here in Texas. We are positive contributors to society, we are economic drivers, and we are taxpayers. Republican bigotry and hatred of our community will not overcome us. We will stand proud and we will fight for equality under the law in the Lone Star State.”

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas join with Texas’ Democratic State Senators in demanding that Greg Abbott restore the webpage and resources for LGBTQ+ youth to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services website. In the meantime, for LGBTQ+ mental health support, call the Trevor Project’s 24/7 toll-free support line at 866-488-7386. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255 or text 741741 from anywhere in the country to reach a trained crisis counselor.

*Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was founded in 1996 by local activists. Our membership numbers in the hundreds including former and current elected officials. We are one of the largest political organizations in Dallas County and one of the largest chapters of Stonewall Democrats in the United States.*

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